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New York, March 30.—The examination of Harry K. Thaw by the commission which is to decide whether or not he is now able to be tried for the murder of Stanford White, was finished this afternoon. Thaw was on the stand for over three hours, and during that time he was not questioned by the members of the commission, but by District Attorney Jerome. As on Thursday, Thaw's examination was in private, only the three commissioners—David McClellan, Peter B. Olney, and Dr. Putzel—District Attorney Jerome, his assistant, Mr. Garvan, the lawyers for the defense, and officers of the court being present.

When the commission met at 10:15 o'clock in the morning, Thaw immediately took the witness chair in Justice Fitzgerald's courtroom, where his trial has been going on, and with the exception of a brief interruption for lunch he was on the stand until nearly 2 o'clock. Then there was an open session of the commission, in the course of which, and after a very pointed speech on the question of what evidence the commission should receive, District Attorney Jerome appeared to have won a victory.

Thaw Stands Obedient Well. From what could be learned from those who attended Thaw's private examination, he went through the ordeal very well. Even Mr. Jerome's cross-examination, which lasted about three-quarters of an hour, did not hurt Thaw in any extent.

It was not expected that the commission would allow Mr. Jerome to get at Thaw, and it had been hinted that if he did, Thaw would appear in a very different light before the commission. As it turned out, it was said Thaw carried himself well and showed little or no indication that he was not possessed of his mental faculties, at least so far as anything could be judged from his answers.

Mr. Jerome's examination was not a severe one. He did not go at Thaw aggressively, or in a way to anger him or make him lose his temper. He stood very close to Thaw, and the examination was carried on in something of a conversational tone. Thaw showed no bitterness toward Mr. Jerome, and apparently did not resent anything he did or any questions he asked.

For one thing, Mr. Jerome was not allowed to ask Thaw anything about decisions he had made at the trial of Stanford White. He was barred from inquiring into Thaw's belief that there was a conspiracy on the part of the district attorney and influential friends of White to railroad him to an insane asylum. The commission ruled that it had nothing to do with Thaw's condition at the time he killed White, but was simply concerned with finding out his present mental condition.

Letters Not Admitted. Nor would the commission allow Mr. Jerome to go into the letters written by Thaw to J. Dennison Lyon, his Pittsburgh banker, since the trial began. At least one member of the commission, Mr. Olney, held that these letters should not be received by the commission at all. There was some argument over this question before the commission in private, Mr. Jerome contending that the writings of an insane man should be received by a jury, and that the commission should be a jury. The commission decided that Mr. Jerome could not question Thaw about the Lyon letters. Mr. Jerome was limited to questioning Thaw about the notes he wrote to Mr. Delmas during the course of the trial.

In the course of the hearing to-day Mr. Delmas produced more notes and letters from Thaw, ones which he did not incorporate in the affidavit he presented opposing the appointment of the commission. All these letters were written to Mr. Delmas since the trial, and many of them concerned the calling of certain witnesses, or contained suggestions as to objections to be made to the testimony of other witnesses. The contention of Mr. Delmas is that while some of the statements in the letters and notes may look queer, they are such as a layman unacquainted with legal technicalities would be apt to make to his counsel.

Thaw Answers Sincerely. The commissioners questioned Thaw on sentences in these letters—what he meant, and what he intended to convey, and so did Mr. Jerome. To Thaw the commission and Mr. Jerome were said to have made answers which were sane and intelligent enough. Thaw seemed willing and anxious to furnish whatever information was wanted from him. A little incident at the close of the open session showed Thaw's attitude toward Mr. Jerome.

At the private hearing Thaw was questioned by Mr. Jerome about some letter. Evidently Thaw did not understand what it was all about. While the open hearing was on, Thaw hurried through the record to find the letter. He was not successful. When the hearing adjourned Thaw walked up to the first place in the line of smiling cordiality, asked him to point out the letter referred to. As Mr. Jerome fussed through a book of typewritten pages, Thaw stood over him and thanked him for a nod of acknowledgment when Mr. Jerome found the disputed letter.

If anything could be judged from Thaw's appearance when the doors of the courtroom were thrown open at the end of his examination, it was that he was in good health. It is expected will have great influence on the commission in reaching its decision—he had not been feazed by it. He was sitting in his chair between two of his counsel calmly looking over a book. There was no sign of nervousness. There was not a tinge of a flush. If anything, he looked brighter and more alert than at any time during the trial.

Proceedings Get Lively. The proceedings that followed were pretty warm. In the first place, the question of admitting the testimony of Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton came up. That was left in the air, the commission deciding to withhold its decision until Tuesday morning, when it will hold its next session. Mr. Jerome holds that by having been put on the stand by the defense Dr. Hamilton waives the privilege between client and physician, and that having once been waived, it had been waived for all time.

But it was at the end of the session when Mr. Jerome turned on the fireworks. He practically accused the commission of not wanting to receive evidence which would "substantiate its intelligence." He was fighting for the admission of the testimony of Dr. Hamilton, and he said that their testimony would convince the commission that Thaw was not the capacity now to advise with his counsel. Chairman McClellan had indicated that the commission was not going to receive testimony concerning Thaw's condition too remote from the present, nor did it care for the opinions of alienists, unless based on facts which they possessed themselves.

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President Continues Reticent About Railroad Regulations.

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President Roosevelt is still in an under-terminated state of mind over the suggestions that he make a speech or statement of a reassuring character in regard to the railroad situation.

It was made known yesterday that if he delivered a speech on the subject it would not be for two or three weeks at least. This information was given in response to inquiries as to whether the President intended to accept the invitation of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association to address a business men's convention at Springfield on a date to be fixed by himself.

The President would like to go to Springfield for many reasons other than those relating to the present unsatisfactory condition of railroad and financial affairs, but he cannot see his way clear to make the proposed visit, if he should make it at all, before the middle of April.

The policy of silence concerning the President's future attitude toward the railroads continues to prevail at the White House. There are some people who find in an occasional remark dropped by the President an inkling of his intentions, but according to Mr. Roosevelt himself, many things that he says to visitors are misconstrued into statements of great importance. One of those who saw him yesterday indicated that the President's opinions had undergone a complete change. The visitor must have misunderstood Mr. Roosevelt, however, for he has made no bones of saying that those who wanted to know how he stood with reference to the railroads should read his speeches and messages. There is no evidence that he has changed his mind.

The President continues to listen to visitors who want to talk to him about prevailing industrial and railroad conditions. Yesterday he saw August Belmont and ex-Congressman Henry C. Payne, of New York. Frank B. Kellogg, of St. Paul, special adviser of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and one of the attorneys in the Harriman roads inquiry, has been in consultation with Mr. Roosevelt nearly every day this week.

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MORGAN CASE NOT ONLY ONE

Special Pension Examiner Lyon Also Had His Salary Reduced.

Finds \$2,000 Work Too Heavy for His Age and Secures Reduction in Pay and Labor.

The request of Dr. Joseph D. Morgan, a \$2,000 man in the medical department of the Pension Office, that his salary be reduced to \$1,800 a year, has brought out the fact that his is not the only case of this kind on record in this particular branch of the government service.

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ENGINEERS DEMAND VERDICT

Insisting Upon Dismissal of Mathews and Mulhall.

Harry C. Sparks Calls on Authorities and Asks Why Finding of Trial Board Is Withheld.

Harry C. Sparks, chairman of the executive committee of the Brotherhood of Engineers, called on the police authorities yesterday and demanded an explanation of the delay in making known the verdict of the trial board in the case of Capt. Mathews and Mulhall against whom charges of conduct unbecoming officers were made last fall by the engineers.

Mr. Sparks was told by Inspector Swindell, a member of the board in whose care the papers were intrusted several days ago, that he would not be hurried; that the papers were being reviewed, and would not be in the hands of the Commissioners for at least a week.

After the papers have been reviewed by Inspector Swindell they will be turned over to Inspector Cross, who will transmit them to Maj. Sylvester, after which they will be sent to the Commissioners.

Mr. Sparks, in speaking of the case, said: "We have waited for over a month for the verdict in this case, as these delays are being made, the probability of obtaining satisfaction from the police department. I shall persist in my efforts to force the department to make known the verdict. I am almost certain that the authorities have long known the status of this case, and that they are delaying merely because of the great interest which is being manifested in the case."

It is not understood why a body of apparently intelligent men who sat through the trial of these officers and heard the testimony of the complainants, could find it necessary to review the testimony, as the evidence was of such a positive character that any unbiased man would have given a verdict offhand. However, we are in this fight to stay, and can even outlast the red tape of the police department."

GOOD WEATHER PROMISED

Easter Sunday to Be Fair, with No Indications of Rain.

Advance Guard of Spring Parades Cannot Resist Ideal Day to Show Styles.

Forecast for to-day—Fair, and cooler. Moderate, with no indications of rain.

Some of those who have been preparing for Easter could not wait, and yesterday they appeared, men and women, picture hats and other kinds, light suits and fancy vests, and with gowns that would make even the Parisians turn green with envy. And, by the way, green is one of the popular shades this year. And so is yellow—a lovely yellow—but it is known as the canary shade.

A few drops of rain fell last night, but not enough to amount to anything. The weather was fair and moderate, and the temperature during the afternoon only reached 74 degrees. It was an ideal day, every particular. The ideal day included the weather, the crowds, the business done by the shoppers, and everything else in the vicinity of Washington.

But best of all are the indications for to-day. For H. C. Frankland, of the Weather Bureau, says: "Everything tonight points toward good weather for tomorrow. There are no indications whatever in sight for rain. I am glad to say, yes, I think it will be an ideal day, even Easter Sunday. Anyway, I am doing everything in my power to bring about these conditions. And, furthermore, I am reasonably sure that we will be successful."

"It will be fair, a little cooler, perhaps, but moderate. There are a few clouds in the sky to-night, but they are brought about by the change in the temperature—the coolness in the air. The sun will set early to-morrow, and as far as I can see, will practically continue to shine all day. Possibly there will be a few clouds, but they won't amount to much."

Last night the weather became even cooler, and by the time most of the people were going to bed the temperature was down to about the 50-degree point.

TAN SHOES IN AGAIN.

Efforts to Give Them the "23" Fall, Say Dealers.

"Tan shoes of every description and every shade will be more in evidence this season than they ever have been in years past." This was the statement yesterday of a prominent shoe dealer, who knows. "Tans," he said, "have been given the 23 sign several times by those who seek to shape the fashions in shoes, but always without avail. Each successive season there has been a steady demand for them. The demand during the past week has been greater than ever and shoe houses throughout the city have been taxed to meet it. Due to the popularity of the tans they are late in arriving, except in all too small consignments. This is accounted for by the fact that there is generally a hold-over from the styles in the season's favorite."

"Just take note of the shoes in the Easter parade and you will see that these statements are borne out. Tans are the fashion of the evening, and in every conceivable shape and style of pumps, oxfords, low tops, and even boots. Milady's Easter outfit will not be considered complete without a pair of low tans with a big black bow. The spring shoe is losing its hold, despite the fact that the men stick to it for its lack of trouble, reliability, and ease of manipulation."

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KEPT FROM SWEDISH COURT.

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Mrs. von Claussen arrived in New York on the La Provence, and will go to Washington, where she will seek to relate her grievances before the President if the State Department refuses to act.

She then purposes returning to Sweden for the presentation, whether Mr. Graves, and especially Mrs. Graves, relish the idea of being sponsors for her or not.

CONGRESSMEN WILL LECTURE

Representatives Eager to Tell What They Saw in Panama.

Members Who Have Returned from Isthmus Arranging to Give Illustrated Talks on the Canal.

It pays to lecture as it pays to advertise, is the belief of the members of the Congressional party which has just returned from Washington on Panama. Accordingly, they are going to turn themselves loose upon the country this summer and tell about all that they saw upon the Isthmus. Almost every member of Congress who went to the Canal Zone in what was known as the Scott party has applied to the Canal Commission for an outfit of photographs from which to make stereoscopic views to be used for lecture purposes.

For the past two or three days every mail has brought to the common letters from Congressmen advising that they intended to go upon the platform and tell the people who are to pay for the waterway what a great bargain they are going to get, what has been done, and how fine it is to take a trip to the Zone when the expense is paid by the government.

According to best accounts every member of the Scott party looked himself in his cabin on the way to Panama, and the time to writing a lecture on Panama and his canal. Among those who have thus far signified their intention of lecturing on the canal with pictures which the commission is to furnish are the following: Representatives Hill, of Connecticut; Keifer, of Ohio; Cheney, of Indiana; Brooks, of Colorado; Marshall, of North Dakota; Pollock, of Nebraska; Davis, of Minnesota, and several others.

The commission thinks that the idea is a good one, and is trying to encourage it by having a series of stereoscopes made, which will be supplied to the lecturers, and before lectures, endeavor societies, and lecture organizations, a score or more of Congressmen will tell of "What I saw in Panama." All of the members of the party who came to Washington are enthusiastic over the work which is being done, and are anxious that the people should know about it. So they are going to tell them at the regular lecture rates. They do not mean that Senator Tillman and Senator La Follette shall monopolize the entire lecture field, nor if they can help it.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE PLANS Departmental Mercantile Concern Patterned After England's. Promoters in Correspondence with Australian and British Guilds Conducted Along Same Lines.

Correspondence with various foreign co-operative societies in England and Australia with a view of securing data which will materially assist in perfecting a set of by-laws for the government of the proposed Department Co-operative Guild has been started by a committee of the association of which G. W. W. Hanger is chairman. This committee was appointed to perfect by-laws and draft articles of incorporation.

It is the intention to organize and conduct the co-operative guild on approximately the same lines as those which form the basis of the army and navy and civil service co-operative societies of London. These associations have attained world-wide reputation, not only for the vastness of their scope financially in the mercantile world, but also because of the great benefits which have accrued to the members.

The essential features of the guild are contained in the following statement issued by the society:

"The society is to be run strictly for the benefit of its members, and it will be the aim of the organizers to make such provision as will prevent the control falling into the hands of a few."

It is further provided that all goods shall be sold at the prevailing market prices. At the same time provision will be made whereby the members will receive a periodical return of approximately 10 per cent of the net profits accruing from their purchases, the remaining 10 per cent being used as a sinking fund for the further advancement of the society. Aside from this feature, there will also be an annual dividend for all stockholders.

"The permanent governing body of directors will be selected from the several departments of the government, with a view to giving each department complete representation."

"It will be the aim to secure the services of a general manager who has experience, unquestionable integrity, and executive ability, as it is well understood that the success or failure of the enterprise depends on the management."

"The stores of the society will be centrally located, and while it is expected to start with but one or two departments, others will be added from time to time."

SOCIALISM HARD HIT

Rosebery and Rothschild Warn England's Premier.

ATTACK ON LIBERAL POLICY

Campbell-Bannerman Government Promising More Than It Will Try to Perform, Declares Lord Rosebery—London Market for Home Rails Has Been Dead a Year.

London, March 30.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been taken to task sharply this week by two of the most prominent Britons—Lord Rosebery and Lord Rothschild. As the late Countess of Rosebery was a Rothschild, one of the government organs called the assault upon the premier a "family affair." But it cannot be disposed of thus lightly.

Rosebery, presiding at the meeting of the council of the Liberal league, declared that the Campbell-Bannerman government seemed to him to be promising more than it had any idea it would ever try to perform.

"But if it should make the organized and general attack upon property which has been threatened by implication in the speeches of some of its members," he added, "its life will be short." This sentiment was vigorously cheered by Liberals.

Rothschild